



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF TRADE & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The County of San Diego is committed to creating an environment that encourages economic prosperity. As testimony to that commitment, members of the County Board of Supervisors created the Office of Trade & Business Development (OTBD) in 1995 to support the business community through a variety of programs and services.

Some of the services available through OTBD include the Early Assistance Program, Financial Incentive Plans, Permit Expediting Process, Welfare-to-Work Opportunities, and Ombuds Services. OTBD publishes the Import and Export Resource Guides, Getting Down to Business, and the Small Business Handbook that contains resource and contact information.

When planning an expansion or relocation of your business, the **Early Assistance Program** may be your best tool. In conjunction with the cities, regional, state, and federal agencies OTBD will guide you through the permitting and relocation process with a roundtable meeting where you can meet with the technicians, engineers and inspectors who will be involved in reviewing and approving your project.

Site Search is a timesaving service that can help you find a suitable location when you need to expand or relocate your business. Working with the real estate community and local economic development agencies, OTBD staff will identify buildings or land that meet the criteria you have established.

The **Permit Expediting Process** facilitates concurrent permit processing between regulating agencies. Projects with a positive economic impact receive priority review to save you time. The process identifies critical issues, establishes timelines and obtains clarity in the application of regulations by each agency.

The Office of Trade & Business Development is your one-stop business assistance office. When you need help, our staff can answer your questions, complete any research necessary for your inquiry, and resolve your problem. For free, expert business assistance, call (858) 495-5494 or toll-free (866) 402-6044.



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